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# LBJ Honors Wisconsin U.S. Employee

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A New Richmond, Wis., man Saturday was awarded the highest honor that can be given to a career federal employee.

He is John Doar, first assistant in the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department.

Doar, 43, was one of four high federal employees honored by President Johnson with the President's award for distinguished federal civilian service. Mr. Johnson praised him as an official "who by his effective mediation has personally secured peaceful progress in human relations."

AS THE TOP aide to the assistant attorney general for civil rights, Doar has been on the front lines of nearly every racial upheaval in the South in recent years — including Oxford, Miss., and

Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville and Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Doar left a private law practice in New Richmond in July 1960 to join the Justice department's Civil Rights Division. He was retained in his post by the Kennedy administration when it took office, and since then has initiated and handled almost 60 civil suits to stop discrimination in voting rights.

The White House said yesterday that "Doar has been of immense value to the United States on the occasion of every major crisis and law enforcement in the civil rights field since the beginning of 1961."

DOAR, SON of Mrs. Ann Doar of New Richmond and the late William T. Doar, was educated at St. Paul Academy, Princeton University and the University of California.

Others named yesterday by the President as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award were: Herbert Friedman, superintendent of the Atmosphere and Atmospherics Division, Naval Research Laboratory, for his work in rocket astronomy; Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr., executive director and comptroller of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Bromley K. Smith, executive secretary of the National Security Council.

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